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For

ROTARY SLIDE VALVE FOR POWER-ASSISTED

STEERING SYSTEMS OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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Attention: DO/EO/US

RESPONSE TO MISSING REQUIREMENTS **UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

SIR:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US), mailed January 4, 2002, Applicants submit herewith a fully executed Declaration and Power of Attorney in order to complete the filing requirements for the U.S. national phase of the above-identified PCT application. The application filed in the Patent Office is the application which the inventor executed by signing the Declaration and Power of Attorney. A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements is also enclosed.

The Office is authorized to charge the \$130.00 fee to cover the surcharge for late filing of the Declaration to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. The Office is also hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 11-0600 with any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment.

An additional copy of this letter is enclosed for this purpose.

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